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RUSSIANS PRESS VANTAGE

Increase Number of Prisoners and Chase Invaders Over Territory Which They Recently Lost.

In Italy it is Reported That Austrians Are Forcing Russian Prisoners to Build New Line of Forts Behind Those Now on the Firing Line—Little Change in Situation in West, Where French and Germans Both Claim Minor Advantages—Interest of America Centered on Action of President in Regard to German Reply.

GERMAN AFRICA CONQUERED.

All German Forces in Southwest Africa Have Surrendered.

Pretoria, July 9.—After a nine-months' campaign the conquest of German southwest Africa by the British forces is complete. All the German forces have surrendered.

KING BARELY ESCAPES.

Shell Kills Officer with Whom He was Talking Few Minutes Before.

Rome, July 9.—King Victor Emanuel narrowly escaped death when helping to direct battery fire at the front. A few minutes after the king left an Austrian shell killed the officer with whom he had been talking.

MEN, AND MORE MEN.

Kitchener Says That Government May Resort to Conscription.

London, July 9.—Lord Kitchener declared in a speech at Guild Hall today that the crying need was for more men and still more men. He indicated that the British government is ready to resort to actual conscription.

Austria Offers Apology.

Vienna, July 9.—Austria today apologized to United States Ambassador Penfield for an attack on Wilson published in the Tagblatt.

Big Battle at Gorizia.

Vienna, July 9.—Infantry attacks, following a terrific bombardment, have been launched by the Italians all along the front at Gorizia, according to the official statement, which declares that the attacks were repulsed.

BOMBS FOUND ON VESSEL.

Three British Ships Bound for France in Serious Danger—Seek Perpetrator.

New York, July 10.—Nine dynamite bombs, any one of which would have sent her to the bottom, were found concealed in the cargo of sugar aboard the British steamer Kirkoswald which left New York on May 1 for Marseilles. The bombs, which failed to explode, were found upon discharging the cargo at the latter point. A new plot was brought out here today by ship's officers. Authorities suspect Holt or his accomplices.

The steamer Lordene, which steamed away the day after the Kirkoswald left here, discovered three bombs in its cargo, as did two other vessels, all bound for France.

GERMANS ON THE RUN.

Russians Have the Upper Hand Now and Take Many Prisoners.

Petrograd, July 10.—Vigorously pressing their pursuit of the retreating Teutonic forces in the Lublin district the Russians have increased the number of German prisoners to fifteen thousand, according to official reports from the front. Though offering strong resistance the Teutons are unable to stop the Russian advance. The Germans assumed the offensive on the Bobr river, but were held in check.

Note Has Full Approval.

Berlin, July 10.—German newspapers give full approval of the German note.

French Trench Captured.

Berlin July 10.—The official report today states that a French trench was captured north of Bausejour. The Germans also claim an advance in the Lepetre forest.

German Attacks Repulsed.

Paris, July 10.—German attacks during the night along the front from Flanders to Vosges have been repulsed, according to official statements issued today.

BRITISH CRUISER DAMAGED.

Turks Report That Cruiser Was Forced to Retire.

Constantinople, July 12.—Another British cruiser has been damaged by the Turkish batteries in the Dardanelles according to the official report, which states that an armored cruiser of the Lord Nelson type was forced to retire, badly damaged, after throwing two hundred shells into the Turkish positions at Gabatepe. Owing to the effective work of the Anatolian batteries the allies' fire at Avburnu is growing weaker.

TALK OF BALKAN LEAGUE.

Italy's Success Stirs Balkan States to Action.

Rome, July 12.—That the continued success of Italian troops and the probable enhancement of Italy's power is having a strong effect upon the Balkan nations is reported in diplomatic circles today. There is every possibility that at a meeting between the kings of Roumania, Bulgaria and Greece at Athens before the convening of the Greek parliament, Serbia and Italy will be represented indicates that efforts to revive the old Balkan league may result in the entry of other Balkan states into the war soon.

VEILED BRITISH THREAT.

London Standard Prints Inspired Article on German Note.

London, July 12.—The Evening Standard, in what is regarded as an official editorial, says the United States cannot accept the German proposals without eating its own words, and states that if the proposals are accepted "Anglo-American relations will be compromised for a century." The article is regarded as a veiled threat of the British government.

RUSSIAN DRIVE CHECKED.

Austro-Germans Repulse Russian Advance.

Petrograd, July 12.—That after being driven back thirty-two miles in the Lublin region in five days' fighting, the Austro-Germans, who have been heavily reinforced, have checked the Russian advance, is admitted by the Russian war office. The German loss is estimated at forty thousand. Unable to reduce Ossowetz with artillery the Germans attempted sapping operations, but the Russian garrison made a night sortie, bayonetting all the German engineers.

Germans Win at Souchez.

Paris, July 12.—The Germans won a victory at Souchez by capturing the cemetery, using great quantities of poisonous gasses, followed by a fierce attack. The official statement claims, however, that the general German attack on the Woivre region was repulsed, giving another setback to the Crown Prince's army which is struggling to cut a way through to Verdun.

Bulgarians Must Go Home.

Rome, July 12.—All Bulgarians of military age have been notified to prepare to return home at once.

CARRANZA IN CONTROL.

His Troops Take Charge of Mexico City.

Mexico City, July 12.—Carranza troops are in full control of this city, which is quiet and orderly. The Zapata forces are still being pursued back by the main body of Carranzalistas. Gen. Carranza is expected here in a few days to take up the reins of government. Carranza is expected now to make another bid for recognition by the United States.

Thaw Plans to Attend Exposition.

New York, July 12.—Reading Evelyn Thaw's former testimony consumed the morning session of court today. Thaw announced that he was planning to go to the San Francisco exposition.

MAY ARM FOR SELF DEFENSE.

SOME BRITISH MERCHANTMEN CARRY GUNS.

Lord Cecil Points Out That Usages of War Permit Mounting Small Cannon on Traveling Vessels.

London, July 8.—"Merchant vessels of a belligerent power are entitled by established and uninterrupted usage of the sea to carry and use armament in self defense," said Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs, in reply to a question put by Commander Carlyon W. Bellairs in the house of commons today.

"Several neutral governments," Lord Cecil said, "were communicated with in this matter at the outbreak of the war and several more have been approached since as circumstances suggested. The principle of merchant ships carrying arms for self defense have been generally recognized and British ships so armed have been trading regularly with the various countries since an early stage of the war."

Commander Bellairs' question was whether, in view of the unusual character of the German attacks on unarmed merchant vessels, the government would ask all neutral governments to allow merchant vessels, armed for purpose of defense only, to trade with their ports in spite of the fact that each carried a gun.

ACCEPTED IN AMERICA.

Cecil's Statement of Law in Accord With Washington View.

Washington, July 8.—The views expressed by Lord Cecil in the British parliament today with reference to the arming of merchantmen for defensive purposes are in accord with those of the American government.

Early in the war the state department issued a statement recognizing the right of belligerent merchantmen to arm for defensive purposes, provided armament was limited to guns not over six inches in calibre, mounted aft. Later, however, in view of the peculiar circumstances which arose, disputes beginning as to the character of the equipment and guns, an informal arrangement was entered into between the United States and Great Britain through the British embassy here, whereby British vessels were not to arm even for defensive purposes and American collectors were instructed to inspect vessels carefully and refuse clearance in the event that the agreement appeared to be violated.

It was under this ruling that the Lusitania sailed from the United States unarmed, although her right to carry a small armament was legally conceded.

ARRESTED IN NEW ORLEANS.

Suspect Taken up in Connection With Attempt to Destroy Ship.

New Orleans, July 12.—Hans Halle, who has been arrested in connection with the Pearce letter, denied that he has any connection with the conspiracy to destroy British vessels and murder Pierpont Morgan and the British ambassador. The police admit they have no direct evidence against Halle. He was recently acquitted of the charge of conspiring to ship explosives. Scores of detectives today continued the search for Pearce.

AN UNUSUAL PAROLE.

Gov. Manning Grants Six Months to White Burglar.

Columbia, July 12.—Gov. Manning this morning granted an unusual parole to Bob Dobson, a white man convicted before the January, 1915, court for Spartanburg county, of burglary and larceny and sentenced to serve seven years on the chain gang or the penitentiary. The parole was granted for six months that opportunity may be given Dobson to improve his health. The prisoner is to report to the supervisor and sheriff of Spartanburg county at the end of six months.

NEW NOTE READY SOON.

President Wilson Will Make Reply Brief and Pointed.

Washington, July 12.—Interest today centered at the summer White House at Cornish, N. H., where President Wilson is considering the German note. Indications are that the reply will be dispatched within the week and will be brief and pointed, reiterating the views of this country and rejecting the German proposals. Before leaving for Cornish Secretary Lansing is expected to hold a lengthy conference with German Ambassador von Bernstorff.

TOURISTS SUFFER IN HOLDUP.

OVER SCORE ROBBED BY BOLD BANDITS.

What Passengers First Thought Was Joke on Coaches in Yellowstone Proves to be The Real Thing.

Livingston, Mont., July 9.—A party of 25 tourists, including United States Senator Brady of Idaho, was held up in Yellowstone park today by three highwaymen.

A New Yorker named Rice was fired at when he jumped down from a stage coach and ran back toward following coaches. The bullet fired at Rice flattened against a rock. Rice ran on and the bandits realizing that the sound of the shot would act as an alarm, fled into the woods. How much the robbers got from the tourists had not been learned tonight.

Because tourists are not allowed to carry firearms into the park, the robbers met with no resistance. They escaped into the woods and tonight were believed well on their way to the Jackson Hole country on the southern boundary of the big national pleasure ground.

The holdup took place 15 miles from Yellowstone, whence the coaches had departed early today. In a heavily wooded section the men stepped out and stopped the second coach. The first coach was not molested and those in the second vehicle thought the proceeding a joke. They were convinced of their error only when forced to deposit their money and valuables at the feet of the robbers.

The coaches continued to the Fountain hotel, where the tourists were to have lunched, and military authorities at Mammoth Hot Springs did not learn of the robbery until four hours later. Troops started from every section of the park to search for the bandits. Two men were detained later on suspicion.

Many of the victims of the robbery were Shriners en route to the annual convention in Seattle. Several women faced the robbers' rifles.

NEWS OF STATE CAPITOL.

William P. Greene Commissioned Special Judge in Place of Judge M. L. Smith Who is Ill—Board of Pardons Meet.

Columbia, July 9.—Gov. Manning today commissioner William P. Greene of Abbeville, as special judge to hold the court of common pleas for Laurens county, beginning Monday the 12th. Judge Greene is named in the place of Judge M. L. Smith who is sick with fever.

Upon the request of Supervisor Anderson and County Physician Hennis, of Chester county, Gov. Manning paroled during good behavior Joe Caldwell, a prisoner on the Chester county chain gang, who has a few more days to serve. Caldwell has a bad case of tuberculosis.

After three days' hard work the Board of Pardons adjourned this afternoon. Numerous attorneys and other interested people appeared before the Board in the interest of various prisoners or in connection with their cases. Gov. Manning will review the recommendations made by the board as rapidly as possible, making public his decision in each case as he passes upon it.

Gov. Manning, Sunday, will speak at Abbeville. Rev. Lewis S. Bristow, of the Baptist church of that city has been having a series of public meetings addressed by prominent men on different Sundays. Gov. Manning promised him last winter that he would come up some time, but this has been his first opportunity. Gov. Manning will go up to Greenville the afternoon of the 14th to inspect the Second regiment encamped there, on the 15th. Many members of the staff will be with him. The governor has numerous office engagements for the balance of next week.

THAW JUBILANT OVER OUTLOOK.

Says That He Believes He Will be Free Man by Middle of Week.

New York, July 10.—Thaw was jubilant today. He believes that he will be free by the middle of next week. The State's alienist will testify on Monday. The lawyers are expected to sum up the case on Tuesday and it will go to the jury Tuesday night or Wednesday.

BECKER LOSES APPEAL.

Last Hope Falls Former New York Lieutenant of Police.

Rangleey, Maine, July 10.—Chas. Becker's appeal to the United States Supreme Court has been denied by Justice Hughes. This is practically the last hope for the condemned man.

MANY SUBMARINES DEMANDED

UNITED STATES NAVAL PROGRAM MODERN.

Daniels Wants Them and Wilson Also is Believed to Favor Large Additions in Undersea Craft.

Washington, July 9.—The next building programme of the United States navy will include estimates for nearly double the number of submarines appropriated for by the last session of congress. From officials in close touch with the administration's plans for the navy it was learned tonight that while the general board would wait until September before making its recommendations, at least 30 and probably more submarines certainly would be requested.

Some naval officers of high rank who are being consulted think as many as 50 or 75 submarines would not be too many. The last congress in three sessions authorized 26 submarines and the United States has a total now of nearly 70 in commission or building.

Within two years the total, it is estimated, may be brought to 100 undersea craft.

Secretary Daniels, it is understood, favors a large building programme. The action of the last congress in appropriating for 16 submarines when only eight or more were asked for is believed to have given the secretary confidence that the next session would be even more generous.

While the attitude of President Wilson on the question of submarine building is not definitely known those familiar with his views will not be much surprised if he approves an extraordinarily large submarine building programme.

Information is being gathered rapidly abroad by navy experts concerning the latest improvements in submarines. Experiments are being conducted by the navy for the use of electric batteries in propelling submarines and it is believed that when the general board reports in September the number of submarines recommended will be dependent entirely on the number of batteries and engines that can be supplied.

Greater efficiency than has been achieved by any foreign navy is confidently predicted by high naval officers for America's submarines as a result of the new batteries which are to be introduced.

Plans for the two superdreadnoughts provided for by the last congress are being delayed pending the results of experiments now in progress for defense against torpedoes. Secretary Daniels said today that Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of construction and repair, was directing the series of experiments.

A point to be determined is whether the new ships shall carry main batteries of eight 16-inch rifles or of 12-14-inch weapons each. The new 16-inch rifle, the largest ever designed for naval use, has proved entirely satisfactory, it has been stated. The big gun has a greater range and striking force than the 15-inch weapon of the newest battleships of foreign nations.

Some officers believe the present 14-inch gun should be retained for the new ships because 12 can be mounted on each ship as against eight 16-inch.

PARDONS BY GOV. MANNING.

Two Convicts Granted Clemency on Recommendation of Pardon Board.

Columbia, July 10.—Acting upon the recommendation of the State Board of Pardons Gov. Manning today commuted the death sentence imposed upon Greenwood Rogers by the Laurens court to a life term in the penitentiary. Rogers was convicted on the charge of arson.

The governor granted a pardon to William Cantey, who was convicted in Calhoun county on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, and sentenced to three years. He has served all but eight months of the sentence.

JOHN H. EARLE HURT.

Greenville Man's Automobile Collides With Street Car.

Greenville, July 9.—John H. Earle, former railroad commissioner of this State and son of the late United States Senator Earle, was injured tonight when his automobile collided with a street car on Augusta street just as he was about to enter the driveway to his home. Mr. Earle was taken to a hospital and at midnight surgeons were attending him. The extent of his injuries has not been announced, though he is not thought to be dangerously hurt. His automobile was wrecked.

REQUESTS FOR QUICK ACTION

CONSULS SAY FAMINE AND ANARCHY EXIST IN MEXICO.

Ask That Steps Be Taken to Bring About Change in Mexico—Want Recognition of Strongest Faction.

Washington, July 8.—Urgent suggestions that the United States wait no longer than another month before taking some decisive action to restore law and order in Mexico have been forwarded to the state department by several American consular officers in the northern part of the republic. All these reports, it was learned tonight, have been forwarded to President Wilson at Cornish, N. H., after being carefully studied by state department officials here.

Threatened famine and the ability of the contending military factions to restore peace and establish a government that could be recognized by the United States are dwelt upon by the consular officers. Conditions more serious than even trouble in Mexico has seen before are predicted unless the United States lend a hand quickly. Recognition of some government which may set up a strong government with the moral support of the United States is the solution usually urged.

Meagre dispatches that reached the state department today from Vera Cruz said Carranza's army, estimated at 25,000 men, had pressed its fight for possession of Mexico City within ten miles of the capital. Apparently the investing forces had advanced 11 miles against the Zapata defenders in two days, practically reaching the city's suburbs.

None of the department's advisers indicated whether the defenders, who are believed to number about 15,000, had been driven back during fierce fighting or had voluntarily withdrawn to lines closer to the city.

The Brazilian minister, in charge of American interests, has notified leaders of both forces that foreigners in the capital and its vicinity must be protected.

Reports of food shortage continued to reach the state department and the Red Cross today from various parts of Mexico. One dispatch from northeastern Mexico stated that with the railway cut again supplies in that section would last only a few days. The message added: "It will be but a few weeks before the entire northeast of Mexico will be dependent on its northern neighbor, the United States, for the lives of all non-combatants. They are actually in danger of starvation." Children had died in large numbers, it was said.

Admiral Howard reported to the navy department that quiet prevailed on the west Mexican coast.

HUERTA MUST STAY.

United States Will Oppose Extradition Plea.

Washington, July 8.—Notice that any attempt to extradite Gen. Victoriano Huerta to Mexico will be opposed has been given by the state department to Gov. Ferguson of Texas and to both the Carranza and Villa leaders.

Gov. Ferguson recently referred to the department a formal application from the Villa governor of Chihuahua for the extradition of Huerta on various criminal charges, and later an informal request for the former dictator's extradition was made by the Carranza agency here.

It became known tonight that the department takes the position that as there is no recognized government in Mexico and no assurances that Huerta would be given a fair trial, and that even if there were warrants for extradition on the charges presented the federal government would be obliged to oppose any effort to turn him over to his enemies. Political refugees seldom are returned to their countries under any circumstances.

Aside from the extradition application, which never has been regarded here seriously, the United States is determined that the general shall not get back into Mexico to foment a new revolution.

Officials said tonight that whatever might be the outcome of proposals regarding Huerta's liberty at this time, the government would keep him under surveillance and find means of preventing him from crossing the border.

CARRANZA REPORTS VICTORY.

Town of Guadalupe Captured and Mexico City in Danger.

Washington, July 10.—Guadalupe, a town of forty thousand population three miles from Mexico City has been captured by Carranzalistas, according to the Carranza agency, which believes the fall of Mexico City is imminent.